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# Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,  
Foreign and Domestic.

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Edinburgh, Tuesday November 12, 1723.

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From the Evening Post, November 5.

Since our last arrived one Mail from France; and one from Flanders.

Paris, November 13.

Our Court goes into Mourning next Friday, for the great Duke of Tuscany, who died the 31st of last Month, in the 82d Year of his Age.

Melfina, Sept. 27. This City enjoys perfect Tranquility, and the Inhabitants express much Loyalty and Submission to our Sovereign, they are likewise highly pleased with, and very happy under the Administration of General Count Wallis, the present Governor which entirely destroys the groundless Report spread in foreign Parts, particularly that of the Inhabitants having taken Arms against the Garrison, on Account of the Execution of a Shop-keeper, the Killing of an Officer; and Wounding of some Clergymen, &c.

Amsterdam, November 8. Letters from Moscow say, that two Expresses dispatch'd from Astracan to Petersburg, went thro' Moscow lately, and related, That the Affairs of his Russian Majesty about Derbent, are in as favourable a Condition as can be wished; and that considerable Sums have been remitted thither from Astracan, for paying the Russians quartered in that Neighbourhood.

London, November 7. This Day at Noon, South Sea Stock was 111, 3 8ths. South Sea Annuity 99, 3 Quarters. Bank 120. India 135, one Half. African 12, 3 Quarters, York Buildings 13.

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From the Flying Post.

*Vienna, Oct. 27.* We hear, that an Express arrived lately at Prague from Petersburgh with Advice, That the Czar grants considerable Priviledges to the India Company newly erected in the Austrian Netherlands, for Encouragement of their Commerce in his Dominions. And that upon this Consideration the Czar's to be acknowledged by the Imperial Court as Emperor of Russia without any Restriction. The Prince of Lorraine continues to receive great marks of Affection from the Emperor, who has presented him with the Golden Fleece adorned with costly Diamonds; and 'tis laid, that his Gouvernour, who is also Prime Minister of Lorraine, will shortly be made a Prince of the Empire. We are assured, that the Differences betwixt this Court and Rome, with respect to the Restitution of Commachio, are amicably accommodated; and that when a more favourable Opportunity offers, the Emperor promises to consent to the said Restitution.

*Hamburg, Nov. 5.* According to Advices from Stockholm, the Diet broke up on the 29th ult, and the States repaired to Church, according to custome, and afterwards went in a Body and took leave of the King.

*Hague, Nov. 10.* They write from Stockholm, That the States of the Kingdom before they brok up, resolved, notwithstanding the Opposition of the Clergy, to grant the Calvinists the Liberty of their own way of Worship in their own Housles. We hear that the Project of a defensive Alliance betwixt the Czar and the King of Sweden was sent by the States to the secret Committee of the Diet for Examination. If some Advices from Copenhagen may be credited; the Court is resolved to have 40 Men of War next Year ready for Service.

*Paris, Nov. 10.* On the 4th Instant the King rode a managed Horse for the 1st Time since his return to France.

From the Whitehall Evening Post.

*Constantinople, Sept. 12.* The Fortress of Asoph is brought to such a Degree of Perfection, that it has not its equal in all the Ottoman Empire. They built and stored new Magazines and Arsenals; and so great a Number of Barracks as will contain the whole Garrison which consists of 8000 Men. The 6000 Soldiers who were there employed on the Works, have received their Pay each 20 Alpers per Day.

*Hamburg, Nov. 5.* Advices from Petersburgh relate, that M. Campredon, the French Minister there, has received two Expresses from the Marquis de Bonac, his most Christian Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, upon which the former had a Conference with the Muscovite Ministers M. Tolstoy and Osterman; and represented to them the pernicious Consequences of a Rupture with the Ottoman Porte. 'Tis said however, that the Czar is not at all disposed to part with any of his new Conquests in Persia, in order to preserve his Peace with the Turks.

*London, Nov. 5.* Yesterday the Lords of his Majesty's Priyy Council, and the Judges met at the Exchequer Chamber, and nominated three Persons in each County for Sheriffs for the Year ensuing, out of which, his Majesty is to choose one.

We learn by private Letters from Paris that the small Pox hath been very fatal there among Persons of Distinction, so that the Court was cautious who they admitted into the King's Apartments. 'Tis added, that his Most Christian Majesty had begun to dine in Private.

Last Night his Grace the Duke of Leeds arrived in this Ciry.

We hear that Wilson will be tried the next Sessions at the Old Bailie for High Treason.

The famous Sally Salisbury lies dangerously ill of a Consumption in Newgate.

Hanover,

*From the Evening Post, November 5.*

Hanover, November 5. Three Horses have been bought at Ghore for the King of Prussia, his Majesty designing to make Use of them, when he takes the Diversion of hunting. The Lords Townshend and Carteret are to leave that Place some Days sooner than the King of Great Britain, that they may have Time to execute some Commissions at the Hague, and overtake his Majesty at Helyvoetsluis.

London, Nov. 3. The House of Commons of Ireland have resolved to lay a Tax of 4 s. in the Pound upon all Salaries, Profits of Employments, Fees and Pensions.

Last Sunday Dr. Long was consecrated Bishop of Norwich at Lambeth Chapel by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Thomas Jervais Esq; succeeds Sir Godfrey Kneller, as principal Painter to his Majesty.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of the Birthday of the late King William, Col. Williamson Lieutenant Gouvernour of the Tower, gave a Boat and Oars to be rowed for by 8 Batchelors, Watermen of the Tower Liberties, Samuel Lecorint and Richard Wright won the same, and had it delivered to them at the Parade. And were, with the two that came in seconds, triumphantly carried out in the said Boat upon Mens Shoulders, rowing in the Air.

Constantinople, Sept. 6. We have received Advice under hand, That the Porte has actually sent Orders to the Ottoman Troops, they had caused to file off towards the Provinces of Persia, to draw so near to the Army of Meriweys, as to be at hand to act jointly against the Russians. The Resolution having been impated by the Grand Vizier to the Ambassador of Meriweys, he immediately took his Audience of Leave, and 3 Days after set out to return to Persia about 3 Weeks ago. That Minister presented the Grand Vizier with 36 Russian Prisoners; at which, M. Necopiz Resident of Russia, is the more offended, because at the same time the Allowance he used to receive from the Porte for his Subsistance, has been stopt. The Grand Vizier has declared besides to the Marquis de Bonac, Minister of France, that it would be very acceptable to the Porte, if for the future he did forbear concerning himself with the Affairs of Russia, accordingly the Marquis has desisted meddling with the said Affairs. Here is Advice also, that the Ottoman Troops on the Frontiers of this Empire have been so considerably augmented, that in the Space of one Week they may form an Army of 100000 Men without including the Tartars. The Artillery transported this Summer to Azof and Bender, consists of 100 Cannon, with a large Quantity of Ammunition.

*From the Flying Post, October 5, 1723.*

Constantinople, October 2. The yearly Tribute which the Turks receive from Cairo, which used to be transported hither by Sea, is for the future to be sent by Land under the Guard of 300 Horse, who are to take up the Revenues of Babylon and Castrumana by the Way; and afterwards they are to guard the Caravan design'd for Mecca.

Mr. Thevenot says, the annual Tribute which the Turks receive from Cairo, amounts only to 60000 Venetian Chequins, or, 150000 Piasters, which is about 375000 £ Sterling; and that when it comes down from the Castle, to be sent to Constantinople, 'tis carried by the Guard of the Sangiack Bey with a mighty Train; viz. all his Servants well mounted, the Bassa, Clerks and other Officers of the Custom-house, who have each a Caitan given them by the Bassa; all the Chiaudexes, with their great Turbans, and the Mules laden with the Treasure, guarded by several Janizaries walking by it, and above 2000 more, marching two and two, a little behind it with Muskets and Sabres. Then the Sangiack Bey comes and his Family, attended with Men on Horseback carrying

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Colours, the Musicians playing upon Flutes, Drums, Timbrels and Trumpets: And thus they march in admirable Order to Constantinople.

Petersburg, October 20. A Courier arrived Yesterday from the Governor of Astracan, with Advice, That a great Convoy of Troops and Ammunition is sent from thence to Derbent, and that there was another ready to set out for Baku. Some Deputies arrived here lately from the Tartars, with the usual Present of eight very fine Horses for the Czar, and an Offer of all their Forces to be at his Service. They are treated just as other Foreign Ministers, and are shortly to be sent back with an Answer.

General Czeremetoff is set out from Moscow for Constantinople, with 40 Persons in his Retinue, two of whom are Interpreters; to try if he can prevent a Rupture with the Grand Signior by a new Treaty: But 'tis feared he will come too late, because we have Advice, that the Sultan is already entered into Engagements with Meriweys to dislodge our Men from their late Conquests in Persia. The Czar has made a Present of 1000 Rubles to the Count de Rastrelly, a Florentine, who is the Czar's Architect and Carver, for having done his Majesty's Effigies so much to the Life that the whole Court admires it.

Rome, Octr 23. Sunday last Cardinal Ottoboni, according to annual Custom, exposed the Host in his Abbey of St. Paul at Albano, and caused it to be carried in procession throughout the Town, after which he made a splendid Dinner for Aquaviva, Gualtieri, and five other Cardinals, besides Persons of Distinction to the Number of Forty. The Pretender and his Lady went to see the Ceremony, and were magnificently treated by the Princeps of Piombino, in Company with the Princeps Dowager of Palestrina, and the Dukes and Duchesses of Salviati and Castel Sangro. The Abbot Tansin, the French Minister, came hither yesterday on a Sudden from Albano, to desire Audience of the Pope, and having obtained it, returned immediatly to Albano.

Stockholm, October 27. The King is almost recovefed of his late Indisposition His Majesty having signified to the four States of the Kingdom, that he thought it proper for them to conclude their General Diet, and to referr the Affairs not as yet finished to another; Proclamation was made of the Diets breaking up in all the cross Ways of the Towns by a Herald at Arns, with the Sound of Trumpets and Kettle-Drums. To Morrow, in the Hall which is called the Knights, will be read the whole Proceedings of the Diet, which has late about three Quarters of a Year; and the States, after having been at Church, are to go in a Body to Court, to take Leave of the King.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Nov. 7th, 1723.

*Yesterday arrived the Mail due from Flanders and France.*

They write from Petersburg of the 20th past, that a Body of Muscovites had penetrated thro' the Caucasian Mountains, and had fallen upon some Thousands of Tartars, which they defeated, and cut most of them to Pieces; and afterwards made an Inroad into Mingrelia, to bring the Princes of Georgia over to the Czar's Interest, or make them submit by Force of Arms: That on the 19th a Courier arrived from Astracan, with Advice, that a great Transport of Troops and Ammunition was sent from thence to Derbent. From Stockholm we are advised, that on the 16th past such a violent Storm happened there, that many Houses were unrooted, most of the Windows shattered, and the Inhabitants thrown down in the Streets, and that they had already heard of great Dammages done at Sea, and upon the Rivers.

They write from Lisbon, that the Imperial Minister at that Court is very busie in bringing about a Treaty of Commerce with them, not only on Account of the East India Company of Vienna, but also in Favours of that of Ostend, the first of which Companies, 'tis said, is able to furnish the Portugueze with many valuable Commodities, such as quick Silver, Copper, Lead, Hemp, Flax, from the Porte of Trieste in the Adriatick Sea directly, and that the Portugueze likewise can be sufficiently supplied with Silks and Stuffs from Naples and Sicily.

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The aforesaid Minister also solicits, That the Porte of Goa may be declared a free Porte for all Ostend Ships trading to the East Indies; and that those Ships may be permitted to anchor on the Coast of Brazil.

Mean Time we think, that the Ostend Company cannot subsist very long, especially if it be true, as is advised, that the Courts of France and Spain had come to a Resolution for acting in Concert with Great Britain and Holland, against the establishment of the aforesaid Company, whose Stock is at 4 per Cent. premium but 'tis expected will fall when the 2d Payment comes to be paid.

The Dawson, lately arrived here from the East Indies, has on board, besides other rich Commodities, 550 Bolls of Coffee, 3100 Pound Weight of Indigo; and 254000 Pounds of Pepper.

On the 31 past N. S. The Grand Duke of Tuscany departed this Life in the 82d Year of his Age. 'Tis hoped, that for the Sake of Peace, there will be no Opposition to the Measures stipulated in the *Quadruple Alliance*. Mean while they write from Madrid, That the Marquis de Lede is ordered to Catalonia, and that his Catholick Majesty was again making a Promotion of Generals. And from Paris its said, That 12 Men of War are Equipping at Toulon, They add that a Comet near 2 Foot long, was seen there last Friday Night from 9 to 11 a Clock.

We are told, That the Comet mentioned in some of our Former, was on Monday-night last plainly seen in our Hemisphere.

Our public Stocks keep up at a good Price: S. S. Stock is 111, 1 half. Bank, 120. India, 135, 1 half.

Yesterday the House and Furniture of Mr. Robert Chester, at Briggings in Hertfordshire, one of the late S. S. Directors, was sold by the Trustees for £. 6800.

The Bishop of Ely being about to remove to Ely-house, which has been the Residence of the Bishops of that See for about 60 Years, preached his Farewell Sermon last Sunday in St. Martin's in the Fields; on which Occasion his Lordship thanked the Parishioners for the Civilities they had shewn him, in such pathetic and affectionate Terms as drew Tears from the most Part of the Audience. His Text was the 1st of *Philippians* and 7th Verse.

The Lord William Hay, Lieutenant Colonel to the 3d Regiment of Guards, being dead, we hear he will be succeeded by Colonel Scot of the said Regiment and the Latter, by Colonel Darby.

Last Thursday died Colonel Redstone in the Isle of Wight, aged 103.

The Reverend Mr. Haws, was lately presented by the Lord Chancellor to the Vicarage and Chapel of Ashton in the County of Oxford.

## A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

**T**HAT upon Monday the 18th of November Instant, in the House of Arthur Reid Vinner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 Afternoon, there is to be exposed to publick voluntar Roup, the Lodging in the Covenant Clojs, lately possest by the deceast Commissar Alves, consisting of a good Dining-room, 3 Bed Rooms, a large Kitchen, Cellar and other Conveniences. The Writs and Conditions of Roup to be seen at Andrew Alves, his writing Chamber at Don's Clojs-head.

\*\* That the Sloop or Bark, James of Findhorn, formerly the James of Kircaldie, Burden about 26 Tons or thereby, now lying in the Harbour of Leith with her whole Rigging, Appareling and Furniture. Is to be exposed to Sale by publick Roup, in the High Court of Admiralty upon Friday the 29th of November Instant, berwixt the Hours of 3 and 4 Afternoon. The Inventory and Conditions of Sale to be seen in the Hands of the Clerk of Admiralty: As also at the Exchange Coffee-House in Edinburgh, and at Mr. Miln's Coffee-House on the Shoar of Leith.

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\*\* That there is a general Meeting of the Creditors of the Deceast Mr. Andrew Ramsay of Abbotshall, appointed to be at Edinburg upon the 21st Instant, at three a Clock of the Afternoon, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner, where the whole Creditors are desired to be present or appoint others by any proper Writ under their Hand to be present, and act and do for them in Regard there are Matters of Importance to be concert'd, and such of the Creditors who have not yet produced their Interest in the Clerk to the process of Ranking and Sale of the said Estate, depending before the Lords of Session his Hands; and such of them as have borrowed up their Interests, are desired immediately to give them in to the Clerk to the said Process, that the Ranking and Sale may go on, and such of the said Creditors who have not yet deponed upon the Verity of their Debts, are desired to do it immediately, otherwise they will be excluded in the Ranking.

\*\* About a Fournight ago there was stoln or strayed out of the Park at Revelridge, about 5 Miles west from Edinburgh, a little Pyt White and Brwn Shely, just newly Docked, having a Cut in the Far Hip, occasion'd by the Docking; with 4 White Feet, and a Bell in the Face. Any Person or Persons that can give an Account of the said Shely, so as it may be got back to Mr. Dalmahoy at Revelridge, or to George Purdie at the Exchange Coffee-house, shall have a sufficient Reward, and the Gentleman's Kindness besides.

¶ That the good Ship called *The Margaret of Dysert*, Alexander Ogilvie Master, as she presently lies in the Harbour of Leith, with her whole Furniture, Burden 32 Tons or thereby, is to be expos'd to voluntar Roup and Sale, in the House of William Brown on the Coalhill of Leith, upon Wednesday the 27th of this Instant November, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 in the Afternoon, the Inventars of the said Ship to be seen at the Exchange Coffee-House in Edinburgh, and Will's Coffe-House in Leith,

To be sold at Eccles in Berwickshire. Rye-grass-seed at 10 Shillings a lb. the Boll, being of the first Years Cropt: As also a good Quantity of Thorns of different Ages and Sizes, wth Barren-trees of all Sorts at reasonable Prices. Such as want them at Edinburgh, shall have them delivered there, free of all Charges, and may enquire for Walter Wordie Writer in Edinburgh, to be found at Durie's Office, opposite to the Stinking-stile in the Lucken-booths, who will inform them as to the different Kinds, Ages and Prices of the said Thorns and Barren-trees.

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